Understanding (MoU) on cooperation in Agriculture and related fields; (ii) Agreement on cooperation in the field and Tourism; and (iii) Agreement of Defence cooperation.

(c) No, Sir. No such discussions have taken place. Under the MoU on cooperation in Agriculture and related fields, both India and Philippines will conduct joint activities which may, *inter-alia*, include the areas of rice production and processing. The Government of India would work for the mutual benefit of farmers of both the countries.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

People killed in Haj stampede

1044. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many people were killed and injured in a stampede on 12th January, 2006 in a scramble to hurl pebbles at symbols of Satan in Mina, Saudi Arabia;

(b) if so, the details of Indians killed and injured;

(c) the amount of compensation paid by Saudi Arabia Government and the Indian Government to the injured and the families of those killed; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure that bodies of all deceased are brought and handed over to their relatives in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes.

(b) The details of the deceased and injured Indians are given in Statement-I. (*See* below)

(c) Nil. The next of kin of such deceased and injured Indians who performed Haj through the Haj Committee of India are entitled to compensation under the Group Accident Compensation Scheme of the Haj Committee of India. The details of the Scheme are given in Statement-II. (*See* below)

(d) The relatives of the deceased decided to arrange the burials in the Holy City of Makkah and not to send the bodies home.

Statement-I

Details of deceased and injured Indians during Haj-2006

(a) Table showing pilgrims deceased in the Mina stampede on 12.01.2006

Total Casualties—62

	Male	Female	Total
Haj Committee of India	20	26	46
Private Tour Operators	6	4	10
Others	5	1	6
Total	31	31	62

(I) Pilgrims from Haj Committee of India

Sl. No.	Name (Father's/ Husband's name)	Passport/ Cover No.	Age (in years)	District/State	Maktab No.
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Sabiran Bano W/o Mohammad Sahreef	3930/ UP-1111-5	57	Sultanpur/ Uttar Pradesh	45
2	Akhtarnul Nisha D/o Mohd Habib Ali	3931/ UP-1111-5	45	Sultanpur/ Uttar Pradesh	45
3	Mohammad Shareef S/o Gulam Rasool	3929/ UP-1111-5	60	Sultanpur/ Uttar Pradesh	45
4	Mohammed Shabeer S/o Mohammed Shafi	3932 UP-1111-5	63	Sultanpur Uttar Pradesh	45
5	Zainab Khatoon W/o Mohd Shabbeer	3933 UP-1111-5	62	Sultanpur Uttar Pradesh	45
6	Raushan Jahan W/o Altafur Rahman	5558/ UP-1616-2	41	Varanasi/ Uttar Pradesh	45
7	Zaibunnisa W/o Mohd Shafi Shah	48365 MH-481-5	48	Dhule/ Maharashtra	19
8	Mahmoodha Bee W/o Moosa Shah	48366 MH-481-5	19	Dhule/ Maharashtra	19
9	Fauzia W/o Meraj Ashraf	949/ UP-275-7	57	Lucknow/ Uttar Pradesh	41

1	2	3	4	5	6
10	Seerat Fatima W/o Mohd Abdul Salam	950/ UP-275-7	66	Lucknow/ Uttar Pradesh	41
11	Abeda Shakeel W/o Shakeel	953 UP-275-7	55	Lucknow/ Uttar Pradesh	41
12	Chowdhary Meraj Ashraf S/o Khalil Ashraf	948 UP-275-7	62	Lucknow/ Uttar Pradesh	41
13	Kamal Ahmed S/o Ishtiaq Ahmed	951 UP-275-7	—	Lucknow/ Uttar Pradesh	41
14	Khatoom Begum W/o Shabbir Ahmed	78318/ RJ-657-7	75	Jaipur/ Rajasthan	41
15	Sarfaraz Ahmed S/o Abdullah	3228 UP-908-2	58	Sultanpur/ Uttar Pradesh	45
16	Safrunnisa W/o Sarfaraz Ahmad	3229 UP-908-2	53	Sultanpur/ Uttar Pradesh	45
17	Mohd Bahuddin S/o Mohd Mohiuddin	71245 AP-784-1	60	Hyderabad/ Andhra Pradesh	26
18	Ruksana Begum W/o Mohd Idrish	552 UP-159-4	55	Gorakhpur/ Uttar Pradesh	39
19	Mohd Idris S/o Sheikh Bafati	551 UP-159-4	59	Gorakhpur/ Uttar Pradesh	39
20	Moideen Kutty S/o Kunnah	93935/ KL-2268-6	63	Palakkad/ Kerala	32
21	Immerumma W/o Moideen Kutty	93934 KL-2268-6	62	Palakkad/ Kerala	32
22	Nisar Ahmed S/o Juman	6429/ UP-1871-4	34	Ambedkar Nagar/ Uttar Pradesh	41
23	Farzana Khatoon W/o Nisar Ahmed	6430 UP-1871-4	29	Ambedkar Nagar/ Uttar Pradesh	41
24	Rahisa Bano W/o Abdul Rashid	76616 RJ-200-6	53	Jaipur/ Rajasthan	39
25	Kachem Ali Sekh S/o Sekh Haran	23885 WB-753-6	71	South 24/ Parganas/West Bengal	21
26	Jamshed Ali S/o Mohd Kabool	12840 UP-3980-2	54	Baghpat/ Uttar Pradesh	41
27	Haneefunnisa Begum W/o Mohd Ibrahim Sharfi	69792 AP-289-3	38	Hyderabad/ Andhra Pradesh	22

1	2	3	4	5	6
28	Zaheera Bee W/o Mohammed Abdul Khadeer	69793 AP-289-3	53	Hyderabad/ Andhra Pradesh	22
29	Salma Begum Pathan W/o Pathan Hilal Khan	56536 MH-4223-7	65	Aurangabad/ Maharashtra	24
30	Mohd Abdul Shukur S/o Mohammed Ikhasim	69910 AP-330-3	56	Ranga Reddy/ Andhra Pradesh	29
31	Syed Yousuf S/o Syed Mustafa	56636 MH-4248-5	60	Parbhani/ Maharashtra	18
32	Nasim Bano W/o Syed Yousuf	56637 MH-4248-5	51	Parbhani/ Maharashtra	18
33	Azim Khan S/o Muneer Khan	107629 MP-1186-2	60	Jabalpur Madhya Pradesh	24
34	Raseedan Bee W/o Azim Khan	107630 MP-1186-2	58	Jabalpur/ Madhya Pradesh	24
35	Kamrunnisa W/o Abdul Gafoor	105462 MP-960-8	58	Ujjain/ Madhya Pradesh	28
36	Aboobacker S/o Moyi	91755 KL-1600-4	55	Kozhikode/ Kerala	22
37	Mehraj Begum W/o Syed Aziz Hussain	72848 AP-1288-4	40	Hyderabad Andhra Pradesh	28
38	Shammo W/o Maqsood	18555 UP-5465-2	50	Baghpat Uttar Pradesh	41
39	Abdul Sattar S/o Abdur Rasheed	17116 UP-5045-5	69	Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh	18
40	Nazma Waheed W/o S.A. Waheed	7667 UP-2268-2	57	Kanpur Uttar Pradesh	41
41	Feroz Bee W/o Raheem Khan	59114 CG-79-4	58	Durg Chhattisgarh	31
42	Abdul Kareem S/o Abdul Raheem	2038 UP-576-4	80	Jaunpur Uttar Pradesh	16
43	Mushtari Khatoon W/o Sher Mohammed	3446 UP-971-2	51	Jaunpur Uttar Pradesh	39
44	Maqsood Ahmad S/o Saddiq Ahmad	108219 GQUP-314-1	60	Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh	27

1	2	3	4	5	6
45	Mohammed Rafi S/o Ghurhu	6572 UP-1914-1	60	Azamgarh Uttar Pradesh	33
46	Sarwatullah Khan S/o F.K. Khalid	103330 MP-277-3	60	Bhopal Madhya Pradesh	16

(II) Pilgrims from Private Tour Operators

1	Sheerin Bano D/o Mohamed Rafiq	F-5393077	16	Zam Zam Tour Ahmedabad Gujarat	64
2	Malek Aslam Miya S/o Ashraf Miya	F-0258411	45	Zam Zam Tour Ahmedabad Gujarat	64
3	Ruksana Banu W/o Aslam Miya	A-6484167	36	Zam Zam Tour Ahmedabad Gujarat	64
4	Patel Rafiq Yakub Bhai S/o Patel Yakub Bhai Issa Bhai	F-5393075	41	Zam Zam Tour Ahmedabad Gujarat	64
5	Adam Ali Ismail Patel S/o Ali Ismail Patel	F-1174955	68	Al-Hijaz Masoom Tours, Bharuch Gujarat	49
6	Hanifmahamad Adam Patel S/o Patel Adam Ali	E-2815849	43	Al-Hijaz Masoom Tours, Bharuch Gujarat	49
7	Gulamhusein Yusuf Bhaloda S/o Bhaloda Yusuf Ali	E-6748700	58	Al-Hijaz Masoom Tours, Bharuch Gujarat	49
8	Sarifa Gulamhusein Bhaloda W/o Gulamhusein Yusuf Bhaloda	F-0649687	56	Al-Hijaz Masoom Tours, Bharuch Gujarat	49
9	Jaibunnishad Dawood Londriwala W/o Dawood Ismail Londriwala	E-7819398	41	Al-Hijaz Masoom Tours, Bharuch Gujarat	49
10	Mohd Abbas S/o Mohd Ibrahim	E-7571848	33	Multanjeem Haj Coop. New Mumbai Maharashtra	54

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(III) Others						
1	Ibrahim Falidad Bihai	Local Iqama Holder		N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
2	Mongom Alamathil Sulaiman	2131719144		40	Malappuram Kerala	—
3	Md Alam Siddiqui	E-6610207/ 2082493854		27	Allahabad/ Uttar Pradesh	N.A.
4	Shaheda Begum	E-0502648		45	Allahabad/ Uttar Pradesh	N.A.
5	Mohd Salim Ahmed	Riyadh 2174031696		29	Hyderabad Andhra Pradesh	N.A.
6	Kangadakadavan Hassan S/o Rayin	E-6565014		62	Valiyora Kerala	—

(b) Table showing pilgrims injured in stampede

Sl. No.	Name (Father's/Husband's name)	Passport/ Cover No.	Age (in Years)	District/ State	Hospital	Pilgrim's Conditions/ Status
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Mohd. Iboul Hasan S/o Mohd Zayanul Hassan	28695/ BR-450-2	60	Gaya/Bihar	Muna General Hospital	Discharged
2	Maqsood S/o Nazar	18554/ UP-5465-2	55	Baghpat/ Uttar Pradesh	Muna General Hospital	Discharged
3	Mannawar Hussain S/o Abdul Saqur	9087/ UP-1005-8	58	Sant Kabeer Nagar/Uttar Pradesh	Muna General Hospital	Discharged
4	Hamza Perchikotel S/o Kutyali	89978/ KL-1078-4	55	Malappuram /Kerala	Muna General Hospital	Discharged
5	Serajuddin S/oRehmathullah	101017/ DL-64-6	65	Delhi	Muna General Hospital	Discharged
6	Husna Bano W/o Sirajuddin	101018/ DL-64-6	55	Delhi	Muna General Hospital	Discharged
7	Shajjahan Bano W/o Mohammed Shahzad	18379/ UP-5409-4	55	Buland Shahar/Uttar Pradesh	Muna General Hospital	Discharged

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	Tabish Kashmiri	43916	60	Jammu & Kashmir	Muna General Hospital	Discharged
9	Kazi Yasin	F-5702888	32	Maharashtra	Muna General Hospital	Discharged
10	Begum Jan	4459523	50	Andhra Pradesh	Muna General Hospital	Discharged
11	Shakira W/o Haseemuddin	1745/UP-511	52	Allahabad/ Uttar Pradesh	Al Jeser Hospital	Out of Danger/ Shifted to Al Noor Hospital Makkah
12	Massiyanam Bi	F-45002883	55	Thane /Maharashtra	Al Jeser Hospital	Out of danger
13	Mohammed Shafiq S/o Ramzan Ali	23181/WB-619-7	70	Uttar Dinagpur/ West Bengal	Muna General Hospital	Discharged
14	Shawkar Ali S/o Ramzan	1355 UP-400-3	40	Sitapur/Uttar Pradesh	Al Jeser Hospital	Out of danger
15	Sarvatullah Khan S/o F.K. Khalid	10330 MP-277-3	60	Bhopal Madhya Pradesh	Al Shisha Hospital	Died on 18.1.2006 (Included in the list of deceased)
16	Mushtri Begum	102529 MP-27-4	65	Madhya Pradesh	Al Noor Hospital	Stable

Statement-II

Details of Group Accident Compensation Scheme of the Haj Committee of India

The Group Accident Compensation Scheme envisages:

1. Death due to Accident/Fire/Stampede/Subversive Activity,
2. Personal Accident-Permanent Total/Partial Disablement,

3. Loss of Cash;
4. Loss of Baggage; and
5. Repatriation of wheel chair/stretcher cases of ailing Pilgrims back to India.

The compensation cover commences with the landing of Pilgrims in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and ceases to operate once the Pilgrims leaves the Kingdom. The period of coverage would be 45 days.

The maximum compensation cover under each Section is as under:

1. Death due to Accident/Fire/Stampede/Subversive Activity

(a)	Pilgrims up to 60 years	Rs. 3,00,000/-
(b)	Pilgrims from 60 to 65 years	Rs. 2,00,000/-
(c)	Pilgrims above 65 years	Rs. 1,00,000/-
(d)	Children up to 15 years	Rs. 1,00,000/-

2. Personal Accident-Permanent Total/Partial Disablement

(a)	Loss of Two Limbs/Two Eyes in Accident/Fire/Stampede/Subversive Activity	: 100%
(b)	Loss of One Limb/One Eye in Accident/Fire/Stampede/Subversive Activity	: 50%
(c)	Permanent Total Disablement	100%
(d)	Permanent Partial Disablement	1% to 50%
(e)	In Patient Treatment expenses incurred in recognised Hospitals, for not less than 24 hours.	Subject to a maximum of SR. 5,000/-

3. Loss of Cash (500 cases only)
Cover for actual loss of cash is as under:

(i)	If loss occurs during first 10 days of Stay in Saudi Arabia	Up to SR. 4,000/-
(ii)	If loss occurs during the 11th day to 20th day of Stay in Saudi Arabia	Up to SR.3,000/-
(iii)	If loss occurs during the 21st day to 45th day of Stay in Saudi Arabia	Up to SR.2,100/-

4. Loss of Baggage (500 cases only)	Actual loss subject to a maximum of SR.500/-

Shortage of Booklets in Bangalore Passport Office

1045. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Bangalore Passport Office is facing a shortage of booklets; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken to clear the pending of applications for passports at Bangalore Passport Office?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There was a shortage of supply of blank passport booklets by the India Security Press, Nashik from September to December 2005. However, the supply position has improved since January 2006. Bangalore Passport Office has embarked upon a 'Pendency Clearance Drive' from 3rd February 2006 with a view to clearing the pending applications expeditiously by putting in extra hours of work.

Launch of transformational diplomacy

1046. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any information that new American Consulates and posts in Hyderabad, Bangalore and addition of scores of officials to the US Diplomatic Corps in India is on the cards following the launch of transformational diplomacy aimed at shaping US posture in the 21st century;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which the US decision is likely to improve Indo-US relations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) and (b) The Government understands that the United States Government is considering opening an additional consulate in India. The matter is under examination.

(c) In view of the transformation of India-US ties and the strong